

**CALLING ALL NATURALISTS AND NATURALIST WANNA-BEs to
"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"**
Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips 1-3p.m. or As Noted
APRIL 1st – JULY 1st, 2009

- Apr 1st 7-9pm Nature's April Foolers (MIMICRY)** ----- indoor pgm—**LNC**
Using color slides and demonstrations, **Purdue Entomologist John MacDonald** explains why some insects are green or drab or in other ways able to blend into their background, while others are brightly colored and "boldly announce their presence!"
- Apr 8th 7-9pm Greening Your Business** ----- indoor pgm—**LNC**
Using what SIA has done since 2000 as the model, **Denise Coogan (Safety & Environmental Compliance Manager at Subaru)** will talk about what companies can do to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" to head them down the path of sustainability.
- Apr 15th 1-3pm Forest Health Problems** ----- indoor pgm—**LNC**
Phil Marshall (DNR State Entomologist & Forest Health Specialist) discusses the diseases and insects that are common problems in Indiana forests and trees, symptoms and signs of forest health problems, and how to manage them.
- Apr 22nd 7-9pm Fantabulous Frogs & Other Amazing Amphibians** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**LNC**
Meet some frogs, toads, and salamanders up close with **Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. (Amphibian Educator/Conservationist)**. Find out what makes them so amazing and why they are declining throughout the world! Then go outside to search for spring frogs.
- Apr 29th 1-3pm Birdfoot Violets Walk in Warren County** ----- **Bring binoculars** ----- outdoor pgm—**NICHES**
Susan Ulrich (NICHES Land Trust) leads a hike through the Weiler-Leopold & Black Rock Barrens properties. The focus will be on spring wildflowers, but birds and other wildlife and plants will be seen, too! **NOTE: CARPOOL** leaves LNC at 12:30pm.
- May 6th 1-3pm Shooting Stars & More (Wildflowers)** ----- outdoor pgm—**CLEGG**
Walk wooded ravine trails with **Jim Peterson (CLEGG Garden manager & wildflower aficionado)**; enjoy the many wildflowers, as you learn about the gravel hill prairie restoration on this beautiful property along Wildcat Creek!
- May 13th 1-3pm Woodland Gems (Spring Wildflowers)** ----- outdoor pgm—**MS**
Chris & Jim Brewster (knowledgeable wildflower enthusiasts) lead this sunny weather walk to see woodland flora.
- May 20th 7-9pm Family Fun at the Celery Bog** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**LNC**
Activities for outdoor summer fun at the Celery Bog will be presented by **Dan Shepardson (Purdue Asst Prof, Dept of Curriculum & Instruction)**, **Sam Postlethwait (Purdue Botanist Emeritus)** and Naturalist Mary Cutler.
- May 27th 1-3pm Stream Critters** ----- **Bring boots!** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**BEEC**
Explore Burnett Creek and find out who lives there! Program led by **Mary Cutler (Tippecanoe County Naturalist)**.
- Jun 3rd 7-9pm SNAKES: Fact or Fiction** ----- indoor pgm—**LNC**
Co-authors of newly revised *Snakes of Indiana*, **Rod Williams (Purdue Herpetology Professor) & Brian MacGowan (Purdue Ext. Wildlife Specialist)**, share fascinating facts about the lives of some of our state's most misunderstood animals!
- Jun 10th 1-3pm Upclose Bird ID using Mist Nets** ----- outdoor pgm—**WNC**
Mick & Sally Weeks (Purdue Dept of Forestry & Natural Resources) will demonstrate the use of mist nets and identify the birds that come to the nets during this program. A wonderful opportunity to get an upclose look at our local birds!
- Jun 17th 1-3pm Plant Breeding for BioEnergy** ----- FFR Cooperative: 4846 E 450 N, LAFAYETTE ----- outdoor pgm—**FFR**
Frank Spelbring (President of FFR Cooperative) will take participants on a wagon tour of the FFR research facility, where he will discuss biofuel target crops, development of crop systems to produce energy from biomass production, and locations where these crops may be planted. **NOTE: CARPOOL** leaves LNC at 12:15pm.
- Jun 24th 1-3pm Easy Moss ID** ----- indoor pgm—**LNC**
Purdue Dendrologist Sally Weeks will talk about certain species of mosses that are "easy" to identify because of their very characteristic clues.
- Jul 1st 8-10pm Fireflies—nature's little night lights!** ----- **Bring a flashlight!** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**LNC**
Why the lights? How do they do it? Find out with **Purdue Entomologist Arwin Provonsha**.

LOCATIONS of these FREE PROGRAMS which are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr):** Battle Ground: turn by small sign on south side of Prophet St near intersection with N. 9th St.
- FFR (FFR Cooperative):** Take 25 north & turn right on E 450 N (Buck Creek Rd); FFR is ½ mile down this road on the left at 4846.
- CLEGG (CLEGG Garden):** In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.
- LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** In West Lafayette off Lindberg Rd, betw Northwestern and McCormick.
- MS (Michaud-Sinninger/Cumberland Woods):** Meet in athletic complex parking lot on Salisbury just north of Cumberland Ave in WL.
- NICHES (Weiler-Leopold):** Meet at 1pm in Weiler-Leopold parking lot (directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org) OR join 12:30pm LNC CARPOOL
- WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center):** In Battle Ground, at the end of the Battlefield Monument parking lot off N. 9th St.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO HELP WITH PLANNING, contact:

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